



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Active Ramsgate Working Group

Venue: The Council Chamber, The Custom House, Harbour Parade, Ramsgate

Date: Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 10:10am.

Present: Councillors: Crittenden (Chair), Huxley (Vice-Chair) and Ovenden.

Also in attendance:

Ms G Dempsey; Visit Ramsgate Project Manager.

Mrs R Smith; Town Centre and Tourism Manager.

Mrs J Edwards; Senior Tourism Officer, Visit Thanet, Thanet District Council.

Mr D Williams; Marketing and Communications Officer. (Minutes)

APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Active Ramsgate Working Group meeting held on Tuesday 1 July 2025 were received and noted.

RESOLUTION: The Minutes were noted as accurate.

REVIEW PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR ACTIONS

The working group reviewed the actions from the previous minutes. This covered the TDC licencing for the small operators in Ramsgate. Councillor Crittenden had received an email from Councillor Duckworth regarding this and stated that a report to corporate management is expected. Councillor Crittenden is waiting to see if the report addresses the concerns raised. There is a members TDC briefing on 13th January. The group will be updated soon after.

PROJECT UPDATE

The working group received an update from Mrs R Smith and Ms G Dempsey on the Active Ramsgate project. It was noted that:

1. The focus would be on the three strands: Active, Culture and Heritage.
2. A review would be undertaken by Mrs R Smith and Ms G Dempsey as to whether a competition would be run in preparation for Active Ramsgate Week.
3. Active Ramsgate Week will dovetail the Operation Dynamo event (22nd – 25th May) and start on Monday 25th May until 1st June. The beginning of Active Ramsgate Week will focus on activities that are self-run and have lower input for the Technicians, to allow them to have time off between events.
4. It was suggested that content generators for Operation Dynamo, could be kept on for Active Ramsgate Week, to help ease with cost and collaborating. Such collaborations would be Mr Leppard and Goldwater for photography and Mr Bell

for videography (drone footage).

5. Mrs J Edwards to help publicise the competition when available. Mrs J Edwards will also include elements of Active Ramsgate in the England Coast blog.
6. The new Visit Ramsgate leaflet will contain all three strands and be around 20 pages long with a map in the middle.
7. iVisit are no longer partnered with Pear Distribution, however a last report will be provided. Less copies are planned to be printed for distribution going forward.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:

- TDC LICENCING – SMALL OPERATORS

1. **Councillor Crittenden, Huxley and Ovenden to attend the TDC members briefing. Councillor Crittenden will report back on the decision surrounding the licencing for the small operators to the group.**

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2. **Ms G Dempsey, Mrs R Smith and Mrs J Edwards to review the type of competition in the lead up to Active Ramsgate Week.**
3. **Mr D Williams to send Ms G Dempsey all of Mr S Davis reports from previous meetings, up to a year.**

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Prior to Active Ramsgate Week in May, a meeting is to be held on Tuesday 31st March 2026 at 10am.

The Chair closed the meeting at 11:25am.